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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. Information on the consideration of agenda item 77 by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) appears in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/59/472 and Add.1.

2. The Fourth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 28th meeting, on 18 April 2005 (see A/C.4/59/SR.28).

3. By its resolution 59/281 of 29 March 2005, the General Assembly had authorized the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations to convene a session for the consideration of a comprehensive report on the issue of sexual exploitation and abuse in the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.4/59/L.20

4. At the 28th meeting, on 18 April 2005, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review on a strategy to eliminate future sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations" (A/C.4/59/L.20).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, as contained in the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.4/59/L.21).

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/59/L.20 without a vote (see para. 7).

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III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

7. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Comprehensive review on a strategy to eliminate future sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling also its resolution 59/281 of 29 March 2005, in which it endorsed the recommendation in paragraph 56 of the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations[1] that the Secretary-General make available to the United Nations membership, no later than the first week of April 2005, a comprehensive report on the issue of sexual exploitation and abuse by military, civilian police and civilian personnel in United Nations peacekeeping operations,

Noting that the Secretary-General on 24 March 2005 transmitted to the President of the General Assembly a report of his Adviser concerning sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations peacekeeping personnel,[2]

Affirming the need for the Organization to adopt without delay a comprehensive strategy to eliminate future sexual exploitation and abuse in United Nations peacekeeping operations as recommended by the Special Committee and the Adviser to the Secretary-General,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to take strong and effective steps in this regard,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Adviser to the Secretary-General;[2]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, contained in section II of the report on its 2005 resumed session;[3]

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and the relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, and supports the request of the Special Committee to the Secretary-General that he provide a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee at its next regular session;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee to include this issue in its report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

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[1] A/59/19 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/59/19/Rev.1).

[2] A/59/710.

[3] A/59/19/Add.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/59/19/Rev.1).